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SUBJ: HUNGARIAN VIEW OF CSCE

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(C) BUDAPEST A-6, JAN 30, 1975,

(D) GENEVA 1652

1. WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE RE REASONS BEHIND SZABO'S SUDDEN INTEREST IN CSCE MATTERS. IN GENERAL, HUNGARIAN APPROACH TO CSCE IS IN LINE WITH THAT OF SOVIETS (E.G. FRONTIER QUESTION, NOTIFICATION ON MILITARY MANEUVERS, DESIRE TO HAVE THIRD STAGE CSCE HELD AT HIGHEST LEVEL AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ETC.), ALTHOUGH HUNGARY AT TIMES SEEMS MORE PREPARED FOR INCREASED CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL EXCHANGES THAN SOME OTHER SOCIALIST STATES (REF B). FONMIN PUJA (REF C) HAS SAID HE RECOGNIZES THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION OF U.S. DELEGATION TO CSCE TALKS IN GENEVA, AND OTHER OFFICIAL HUNGARIANS HAVE URGED U.S. DELEGATION TO ASSUME A MORE "ACTIVE ROLE" AT GENEVA. THIS ATTITUDE, HOWEVER, CAN PROBABLY BE ATTRIBUTED TO EASTERN BLOC DISENCHANTMENT WITH POSITIONS ASSUMED BY SOME OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES, NOTABLY U.K. PERHAPS SZABO WAS
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JUST PROBING TO FIND OUT WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN ANY

CHANGE RECENTLY IN WHAT HUNGARIANS SEEM TO REGARD AS
A MORE FORTHCOMING U.S. ATTITUDE COMPARED TO THAT OF
SOME OF THEIR WESTERN ALLIES. OR PERHAPS HIS APPROACH
FALLS UNDER MANTLE OF SOVIET BLOC EFFORTS TO MOVE
THINGS ALONG AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN GENEVA.

2. INCIDENTALLY, ONE RUMOR FLOATING AROUND BUDAPEST
DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IS THAT BREZHNEV WILL DELIVER HERE
ON MARCH 18 IMPORTANT SPEECH, REPORTEDLY TO DEAL WITH
EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON
CSCE.
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